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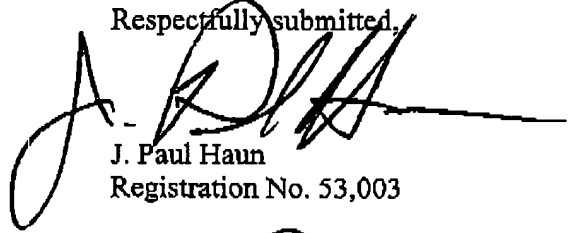
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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Amendment in response to Final Office Action dated November 1, 2005 – 11 pgs.

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action of November 1, 2005, reconsideration of the previously filed amendment is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

B. Remarks

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